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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :
JINDRICH RICHTER, ET AL. : ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION
SERIAL NO: NEW U.S. PCT APPLICATION :
(BASED ON PCT/CZ03/00056)
FILED: HEREWITH :
FOR: A NEW CRYSTALLINE FORM OF :
THE SODIUM SALT OF 3-
PYRIDYL-1-
HYDROXYETHYLIDENE-1,1-
BISPHOSPHONIC ACID

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
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SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.

A copy of the **Abstract** is attached at the end of this paper.